AMELIORATE MISSIONS

The Global Mission Gap - 2026

A concise research brief for prayer, mobilisation and strategic partnership.

Romans 10:14-15 - How will they hear unless someone is sent?

Global research snapshot

The figures below are mission-need indicators, not Ameliorate Missions impact claims. Joshua Project describes its statistics and locations as best estimates that may change as new information is received.

Measure	Current research snapshot
People groups worldwide	16,426
Unreached people groups	7,162 (43.6%)
Frontier people groups	4,824 (29.4%)
Population in unreached groups	3.62 billion (44.0%)
Unengaged unreached groups	2,197
Population in unengaged unreached groups	774,537,420

What the categories mean

- Unreached: a people group with insufficient indigenous Christian presence/resources to evangelise the group without outside assistance, according to the source methodology.
- Frontier: a subset of unreached peoples with exceptionally low Christian presence and little historical gospel response.
- Unengaged unreached: Joshua Project currently reports no known active church planting effort or sustained missionary presence; hidden or unreported work may still exist.

What this means for Ameliorate Missions

- Prioritise research and prayer before fundraising or deployment.
- Use local churches, indigenous leaders and credible field partners to validate every opportunity.
- Measure gospel access, discipleship, local leadership, church formation, safeguarding, financial stewardship and long-term sustainability - not merely trips or activity counts.

Source: Joshua Project - Global Mission Statistics
https://joshuaproject.net/

Source: Joshua Project - Unengaged Unreached People Groups
https://joshuaproject.net/unengaged

Research snapshot prepared September 2026.